

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
SYDNEY will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 31st Proximo, at 3 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
English, French, and German by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare. If re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. For Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Letters to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Office in
Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 23, 1887. 1387

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

Despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on THURSDAY the 24th
August, at 3 p.m.

Consular Letters made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

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address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 4 p.m. the
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C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 12, 1887. 1315

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOUR
SINGAPORE, OCEANIC, ADEN,
SUZ, PORT SAID, TRIFESTE,
BRINDISI, GENOA.

ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

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BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO EXCH. PASSENGERS
AND CARGO.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th day of August,
1887, at 4 p.m., the Company's
S.S. *PREUSSEN*, Captain C. POUET,
with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this port for above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping.—Orders will be granted till
noon. Cargoes will be received on board
until 4 p.m. Species and Parcels until
3 p.m. on the 3rd August. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be
left at the Agent's Office). Contents and
Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1887. 1291

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
the Owners will be responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips.—Wieler & Co.

ELIZABETH NICHOLSON, British barque,
Captain Geo. Falconer.—Melchers & Co.

HARRIS N. BANGS, American barquentine,
Captain E. Bangs.—Consul & Co.

HIZO-OU, British ship, Captain W. B.
Butler.—Douglas & Co.

SANT AGATH, British steamer, Capt. O.
H. Hossack.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

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His Majesty King George The First,
in 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.
Policies of current rates, payable either
here, in London, or at the Principal Ports
of India, China and Australasia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sum not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hampstead, July 25, 1887. 496

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

NORTH-BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 7, 1882. 14

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the change. The Overland China Mail, now a
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China Mail Office.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables
the Rates are given in cents, and are for
the delivery of parcels, books, and
Patterned, for two ounces.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight
are charged as double, treble, &c., as the
case may be, but such papers or packets
of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two
Newspapers must not be folded together as
one, nor must anything whatever be inserted
except bona fide Supplements. Printed
matter may, however, be enclosed, if the
whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Cur-
rent may be paid either as Newspapers or
Books.

Comments on papers signify such papers
as those written by Hand, do not bear
the character of an actual or personal cor-
respondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied
music, &c. The charge on them is the same
as for books, but, whatever the weight of
a packet containing any partially written
paper, it will not be charged less than 5
cents.

The sender of a Registered Article for
a Union Country may accompany it with a
Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of
5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Com-
ments is 10 lbs. for Foreign Post-Office is
4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited
to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these
dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2
inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.
The Union may be taken to comprise all
civilized countries except the Australian
and Cape Colonies.

Postage to Union Countries.
General Rates, by air route.
Letters, 10 cents per 1/2 oz.
Post Cards, 5 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on re-directed cor-
respondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and
Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10 lbs.
Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Re-
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2.

S. African Colonies.—Letters, 25; Re-
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong,
Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (R).
Cochin-China, Tonquin, and the Philip-
pines.

Letters per 1/2 oz., 5 cents (c).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Trices Current, each, 2
cents.
Registration, 5 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao
2 cents.

Local Delivery.
1. All correspondence posted before 10
p.m. on any work day for addresses in
Victoria will be delivered the same day,
and generally within two hours, unless the
delivery should be retarded by the Contract
Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be
delivered within Victoria at the private
houses of the addressee rather than at
places of business, if a visit to that effect
be expressed by the sender, otherwise all
correspondence is invariably delivered at
the nearest place of business.

3. Bookholders who desire to send Cir-
culars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards,
&c., all of the same weight, to addresses in
Hongkong, Shanghai, &c., to the Post
Office, may deliver them to the Post
Office, stamped, the postage being then
charged to the sender's account. Each
letter must consist of at least ten.

4. Bookholders may also send Patterns
to the same places in the same way. Re-
velopes containing Patterns may be wholly
closed, if the nature of the contents be first
declared, or they may be partially open,
General, as they may be considered necessary,
and approved by him. Printed Circulars may
be inserted in such Letter Packages.

The Post Office declines all responsibility
for Unregistered Letters containing Bank
Notes, Coins, or Jewellery, and where Re-
gistration has been neglected, WILL MAKE
no enquiries into alleged losses of such
letters.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.
Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight
are received in Hongkong and at British
Post Offices in China, for transmission to
the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet
and Gibraltar, No parcel is sent with the
Overland Mail, as it is not to be sent there
for arrival in London about eight days later
than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but
no parcel, even though sealed, is liable to
be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong
before 3 p.m. on the day before the de-
parture of the Mail. Parcels sent from the
Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the
following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which
includes Registration fee, and must be pre-
paid in stamps. No further charge is made
in the United Kingdom except for Customs
duty. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6
inches in length, or 6 inches in breadth, and
must be combined. A receipt is given for
each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs
Declaration, which can be obtained free at
each Post Office. No parcel can be accept-
ed till this is completely and accurately
filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from
China, which are liable to duty are
Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles
likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless
securely packed), or articles easily crushed,
such as hand-bells, are prohibited. No Par-
cel can be received if its value exceeds \$250.
A Parcel may contain a letter to the same
address as that of the Parcel itself, or as
other Parcel to the same address. No
other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addresses
are requested to observe that the Parcel
Mail is not opened until the ordinary dis-
tribution of letters, &c., is finished. The
postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb.,
the Regulations are generally similar to the
above, and the Parcels are sent out via
Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.
The Post Office is not legally responsible
for the safe delivery of Registered correspon-
dence, but it is prepared to make good the
contents of such correspondence lost while
passing through the Post to the extent of
\$10, in certain cases, provided:

1. That the sender fully observed all the
conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such appli-
cation, and also retained by him.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied
that the loss occurred while the correspon-
dence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
vases, hand-some books, &c., which
reach their destination, although in a
broken or deteriorated condition.

Misdirected or Delayed Correspondence.
When correspondence has been misdirected
or delayed (both of which can hardly be
avoided occasionally) all that the addressee
need do is to note on the cover, Sent to
me by, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case
may be, and forward it, without any
other writing whatever, to the Postmaster
General. This should be acted on the first
time, either at complaint occurs; it is a
mistake to let such matters pass for fear of
giving trouble, a counter which generally
gives more trouble in the end.

Fees for Public Vehicles.

IN VICTORIA, WITH TWO PASSENGERS.
Chair.
Half hour, 5. 0.10 Three hours, 8. 0.50
One hour, 8. 0.20 Six hours, 12. 0.70
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 81.
If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,
half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR PASSENGERS.
Hour, 0.60 Six hours, 1.50
Three hours, 1.00 Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 2.00.

For Rickshaws.
(With single driver).
Quarter hour, 6. 0.05 Hour, 0.15
Half hour, 0.10 Every subse-
quent hour, 0.10.

NOTE.—Victoria extends from Mount
Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level
of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is
discharged beyond these limits full fare
extra is to be allowed for the return journey.
Extra drivers or drivers and extra horse
to be paid proportionate sums.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked K, near the Kowloon shore, and those in the body of the

Harbour, or midway between each shore are marked A, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Poddar's Wharf.
6. From Poddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to Boat Quay.
9. From Boat Quay to the Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name, Captain, Flag and Rig, Tons, Date of Arrival, Consignee or Agent, Destination, Remarks.

Steamers.

Abyssinia, 5, Marshall, Brit. str. 2749, July 19, Adamson, Bell & Co. Sydney, &c. 28th inst. For sale.

Afghanistan, 4, Roy, Brit. str. 1350, July 26, Gibb, Livingston & Co. V. James & San Francisco 4th prox.

Bahian, 5, Roy, Brit. str. 2095, July 26, O. & S. S. Co. 24, Jardine, Matheson & Co. Saigon To-morrow K'loon Dock

Belgic, 5, Walder, Dut. str. 1223, July 24, Jardine, Matheson & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. Amoy & Manila To-day

Celebes, 5, Walder, Dut. str. 988, July 23, Melchers & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Clina, 5, Oldrup, Ger. str. 648, Nov. 23, Melchers & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Consider, 5, Ogston, Brit. str. 2922, July 23, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Decan, 10, Gao, Brit. str. 1423, June 30, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Diamanta, 5, McCaslin, Brit. str. 544, July 23, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Falkenberg, 5, Roach, Brit. str. 509, July 21, Douglas Steamship Co. 12, Douglas Steamship Co. To-morrow

Freep, 5, Lund, Dan. str. 419, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Geelong, 5, Greary, Brit. str. 1130, July 16, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Haitian, 5, Ashon, Brit. str. 1282, July 12, Douglas Steamship Co. 12, Douglas Steamship Co. To-morrow

Lugata, 5, Scale, Brit. str. 1391, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Lombardy, 5, Brooks, Brit. str. 1731, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Ningpo, 5, Synnott, Brit. str. 2130, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Pilot Fish, 5, Struppi, Brit. tug. 161, July 24, H. K. & W. Dock Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Port Adelaide, 5, West, Brit. str. 1738, July 16, Adamson, Bell & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Ravenna, 5, Daniel, Brit. str. 2414, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Saint-Anthony, 5, Hosack, Brit. str. 2384, July 17, Gibb, Livingston & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Sarthe, 5, Porteau, Amer. str. 49, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Sea Gull, 5, East, Brit. str. 1408, July 16, Russell & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Tamara, 5, Craig, Brit. str. 1671, July 26, P. & O. S. N. Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Thibet, 5, Madie, Brit. str. 1450, July 9, Butterfield & Swire. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Tainan, 5, Allison, Brit. str. 612, July 25, Wieler & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Vorwarts, 5, Bruhl, Brit. str. 914, July 26, Wieler & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Yangtze, 5, Starling, Brit. str. 314, July 26, Wieler & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Balling Vessels.

Allie Rowe, 5, Phillips, Haw. bg. June 10, Wieler & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Amakura, 5, Morris, Ger. bg. 441, June 11, Wieler & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Antoon Gunter, 5, Giff, Ger. bg. 636, June 10, Captain 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Colombo, 5, Giff, Ger. bg. 636, June 10, Captain 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Diamond City, 5, Saes, Siam. bg. 231, July 10, Yuen Fat Hong 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Elizabeth Nicholson, 5, Falconer, Brit. bg. 904, July 15, Melchers & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Erkonig, 5, Bruhl, Brit. bg. 480, July 9, Chinese Customs 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Figaro, 5, Heinzel, Brit. bg. 1007, July 23, Melchers & Co. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

Frederick, 5, W. W. W. bg. 310, July 9, W. W. W. bg. 21, Melchers & Co. To-morrow

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SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN,
PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM
WATERS.

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name, Flag & Rig, Destination.

Centaur, Ger. bg. bgo.

Chofoo, Brit. str. str.

Independent, Ger. str. str.

Kwang Lee, Chi. str. str. Shanghai

AMOI.

In port on July 20, 1887.

AMIGO, German.

Namun, British.

Swatow, British.

Zafiro, British.

POOHOW.

In port on July 16, 1887.

ASHINGTON, British.

Bonglo, British.

Taku, British.

SHANGHAI.

In port on July